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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on August 5, 2002.For: *LIF for Use in Modulating Inflammation and Pain*Signed: *Gene Valle*

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002. In that Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction as between:

- Group I - claims 1-23: Drawn to a method of treating inflammation in a patient by administering to the patient a nucleic acid encoding leukemia inhibitory factor; and
- Group II - claims 24 and 25: Drawn to a method of screening of compounds that modulate leukemia inhibitory factor activity using an animal lacking leukemia inhibitory factor expression.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-23. As a consequence, please cancel Claims 24 and 25 as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-66182-1/RFT/NBC).

Respectfully submitted,

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